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TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJECT: MALTESE AMENDMENT

ACTION: USMISSION GENEVA FLASH 360

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FOR SHERER, CSCE, FROM SONNENFELDT

DEPARTMENT FOR HARTMAN

1. AS INDICATED IN TELECON EARLIER TODAY, GERMANS INFORMED US
TODAY THAT FRENCH WERE SOFTENING IN THEIR OPPOSITION TO MALTESE
AMENDMENT BECAUSE OF FEAR THEY MIGHT DAMAGE THEIR RELATIONS WITH THE
ARABS WHO ARE PRAISING MINTOFF. AS A RESULT, GERMANS DECIDED
THEY WOULD NOT USE THEIR OWN CAPITAL WITH MINTOFF AND WOULD NOT MAKE
PREVIOUSLY ARRANGED PHONE CALL TO HIM. GERMANS ALSO INDICATED THAT
NATO CAUCUS IN GENEVA WAS WORKING ON SOFTER VERSION OF MALTESE
FORMULA, AND THAT FRENCH HAD INDICATED THEY WOULD TAKE THE LEAD IN
THIS EFFORT. GERMANS ALSO INDICATED THAT AS SOON AS A SOFTER
VERSION HAS BEEN AGREED UPON IN NATO CAUCUS ROMANIAN FOREIGN
MINISTER WOULD THEN CONTACT MINTOFF DIRECTLY TO URGE HIS SUPPORT FOR
IT. GERMANS HAVE ALSO INDICATED THAT THEY WOULD THEREUPON MAKE THEIR
OWN PHONE CALL TO MINTOFF.

2. SECRETARY AGREED WITH GENSCHER THAT ABOVE PROCEDURE SHOULD BE
FOLLOWED. YOU MAY JOIN EFFORTS TO FIND COMPROMISE FORMULA BUT SHOULD
NOT TAKE LEAD. YOU MAY JOIN CONSENSUS. PLEASE STAY IN CLOSE TOUCH
WITH

YOUR GERMAN COLLEAGUE AND KEEP US PROMPTLY INFORMED.

3. GERMANS ALSO CLAIM THAT TURKS HAVE SOFTENED THEIR OPPOSITION
TO MALTESE FORMULA AND CAN BE EXPECTED TO JOIN COMPROMISE FORMULA.

4. SECRETARY WILL SPEAK ALONG ABOVE LINES WITH CALLAGHAN.

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